Setting up of Export Oriented Textile Units Under SEZ Scheme

2369. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal received from State Government for setting up of Export Oriented Textile Units under the SEZ Scheme during the last two years, State-wise, year-wise; and

(b) the action taken on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Details of the proposals for setting up of product specific Special Economic Zones for textile sector during 2004-05 alongwith the status of these proposals are indicated below:-

2004-05

Location	Developer	Status
Mahindra City near Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	Mahindra Industrial park Ltd.	Approval granted on 16.7.2004.
Village Vanj, Distt. Surat (Gujarat)	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	Approval granted on 2.11.2004.
Hassan (Karnataka)	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board	Under consideration

Note—No proposal for setting up of SEZ for textile sector was received during 2003-04.

Export to and Import from saarc countries

2370. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export to and import from the SAARC countries alongwith their growth rate during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the target fixed for 2005-06, country-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that rate of growth of import from SAARC countries is much more than the export to them;

(c) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to increase exports to these countries;

(d) whether any specific steps are being taken to improve economic relations with Pakistan particularly to exploit the vast export potential to that country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The details of export to and import from the SAARC countries during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 along with their growth rate are given below. No country-wise target for trade has been fixed for 2005-2006.

India's trade with SAARC countries

(Figures in US $ million)

Country	2002-2003		2003-2004		2004-2005	
	Export	Import	Export & %Growth	Import & %Growth	Export & %Growth	Import & %Growth
Bangladesh	1176.00	62.05	1740.75 (48.02)	77.63 (25.10)	1586.18 (-8.88)	54.88 (-29.30)
Sri Lanka	920.98	90.83	1319.20 (43.24)	194.74 (114.41)	1353.75 (2.62)	364.25 (87.05)
Nepal	350.36	281.76	669.36 (91.05)	286.04 (1.52)	728.46 (8.83)	340.02 (18.87)
Pakistan	206.16	44.85	286.94 (39.18)	57.65 (28.54)	505.44 (76.15)	95.33 (65.36)
Bhutan	39.05	32.15	89.49 (129.20)	52.37 (62.88)	84.03 (-6.10)	50.14 (-4.26)
Maldives	31.59	0.33	42.34 (34.05)	0.37 (12.63)	42.51 (0.40)	0.58 (54.44)
TOTAL:	2724.14	511.97	4148.08	668.80	4300.37	905.20
Total Trade with SAARC countries	3236.11		4816.88		5205.57	

Data Source: DGCI & S Kolkata (Supplied by NIC, DOC)

(b) The total import from SAARC countries during 2003-04 was US$ 668 million which increased to US$ 905 million during the year 2004-05, registering a growth of 35.34%. The total export to SAARC countries during 2003-04 was US $ 4148.08 million and increased to US$ 4300.37 million, registering a growth of only 3.67%. Thus, for above years increase in growth rate of imports has been more than that of exports to SAARC countries.

(c) India has presently Agreement on Trade and Commerce with Bhutan, Free Trade Agreement with Sri Lanka, Trade Agreement with Bangladesh and Maldives and Treaty of Trade with Nepal. With Sri Lanka, we are in the process of negotiating Comprehensive Economic

Partnership Agreement (CEPA). During the bilateral meetings with countries mentioned above, we discuss trade related matters for enhancing the economic activities and also take up issues which have come up as hurdles in our trade agreements.

(d) and (e) Under the framework of Composite Dialogue on Economic and Commecial Cooperation, Second Round of Talks between India and Pakistan were held during 9-10 august, 2005 where both sides discussed various issues includng increasing items in the positive list of items notified by Pakistan for import from India, granting transit facilities, etc. to enhance bilateral trade. Further, a Joint Study Group at the level of Commerce Secretaries of India and Pakistan has also been set up for adopting a strategy for boosting trade between India and Pakistan. At its first meeting, the JSG constituted two Working Groups - (1) on Customs Cooperation and Trade Facilitation Measures and (2) on Non-Tariff Barriers. The setting up of JSG is expected to pave the way for enhanced volume of bilateral trade as both the countries would, *inter alia*, strive to address the problems relating to non-tariff barriers and customs cooperation.

Import/Export of bulk drugs

2371. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports and exports large numbers of bulk drugs;

(b) if so, the names of these bulk drugs imported and exported;

(c) the quantity and value of each bulk drug imported and exported during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(d) what are developmental plan and non-plan schemes and policy measures to increase exports and be self-sufficient in others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The names of some major drugs, quantity and value of export and import of these major drugs during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (Apr, 2004-Feb, 2005) and given in the Statement (*See* below).